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Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Final Office Action dated June 4, 2002 for which a three-month period for response was given making this response due on or before September 4, 2002. In view of the amendments and remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A composition comprising a plurality of distinct microbial species, wherein each constituent member of said plurality is:

- (a) antagonistic against a plurality of microbial pathogens;
- (b) non-pathogenic towards plants and animals;
- (c) is tolerant of high temperatures;
- (d) grows rapidly, and
- (e) proliferates on a complex substrate,

wherein said plurality comprises at least one bacterial species and at least one fungal species.

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3. (Amended) The composition according to Claim 1, wherein said plurality comprises at least 5 distinct microbial species.